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ANIMATED DEBATES.

Geneva, Sept. 18.
It was officially announced this afternoon that the representatives of Great Britain and the Dominions, with the exception of the Irish Free State, which has already signed, will to-morrow afternoon sign the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

The Third Committee of the Assembly to-day adopted Lord Cecil's resolution regarding a model treaty for strengthening the means of preventing war.

Lord Cecil invited the Council of the League to request the Committee of Arbitration and Security to consider at the earliest possible moment the drafting of a General Convention on the lines of a Treaty, which could be referred to the Governments of Members for their consideration prior to the holding of the next Assembly.

Cordial Approval.

The Third Committee cordially approved Lord Cecil's views.

Another long debate took place in the Third Committee regarding the draft Convention for financial assistance to States menaced by aggression. Owing to the difficulty found in framing a satisfactory Article One it was decided to postpone till next year further consideration of the proposal.

Tariff Holiday.

In the course of a discussion of the tariff holiday suggested by Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, spokesmen of the British Dominions emphasised that the younger countries of the world must be entitled to impose tariffs in order to protect their growing industries.

The matter was fully discussed by the Second Committee of the Assembly, the Economic Committee, and it was revealed that while there was an agreement with the spirit of the proposal, the difficulties were thought to be almost insuperable.

Sir Geoffrey Corbett, who is representing India on the Committee, made it clear that India would find herself unable to support any resolution or participate in any conference which would bind her to refrain from increasing her customs duties for a period of years.

Palestine Events.

The Sixth Committee, which deals with Mandates, adopted a report on the work of the Mandates Commission, with a resolution renewing an expression of confidence in the work of the Commission, expressing profound regret at the recent untoward events in Palestine and complete confidence in the enquiry instituted by the Mandatory Power, and trusting order would be speedily restored, with a view to preventing a recurrence of the incidents.

The resolution also expressed the hope that the institution of Mandates would continue to pursue the ideals of civilisation.

Slavery and Drugs.

The Sixth Committee also adopted a report on slavery, with a resolution postponing further consideration of the British proposal to revive the temporary Commission on Slavery, but urgently requesting States which have not yet ratified or acceded to the Slavery Convention of September 25th, 1926, to do so.

An animated debate arose during to-day's meeting of the Fifth Committee. The debate concerned the illicit traffic in drugs.

The discussion revealed a distinct tendency to favour a complete change of method in combatting the traffic by the abandonment of Governmental control in favour of the limitation of manufacture. All the speakers favoured limitation, and some advocated limitation coupled with rationing.—*Reuter*.

LEFTIST LEADER IN HONGKONG.

WANG CHING-WEI REPORTED TO BE HERE.

COLLEAGUES COMING.

Shanghai, Sept. 19.
The *North China Daily News* learns from a reliable source that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the leader of the Kuomintang Left Wing, has arrived in Hongkong, and that he will leave for Shanghai in three or four weeks' time.

The *N. C. D. News* states that with his return to the Far East interesting political developments are expected as it is reported that he will soon become the head of the National Government.

In view of this report, it is interesting to note that Mrs. Liao Chung-ho, Mr. Ho Hsien-yen and Mrs. Chang Fat-kwei, all noted members of the Kuomintang Left Wing, left for Hongkong on the President Folk yesterday "for a world tour."—*Reuter*.

It is rumoured in Hongkong to-day that Mr. Chen Kuh-po, Mr. Wang Ching-wei's right-hand man, is also in the Colony. The accuracy of the information, and that of the *N. C. D. News*, cannot be ascertained.

Another *Reuter* Shanghai message says that Mr. Sun Fo and his wife, Gen. Chan Ming-shu, Gen. Wu Teh-chen, Mr. Teng Yen-hua (Canton Reconstruction Commissioner) and Mr. Fan Chi-wu (Canton Finance Commissioner) are leaving for the south on the President Jefferson on Saturday.

ILLEGAL LEVY ON MERCANDISE.

SHANTUNG GOVERNMENT'S LATEST EXPLOIT.

Chengdu, Sept. 19.
The Shantung Provisional Government, having closed the Goods Tax Office, has opened a new organisation named the Shantung Local Goods Consolidation Levy Office.

Local business is at a standstill, the merchants refusing to ship or to take delivery of goods.

It is understood that this new levy in many instances is higher than the old Goods Tax, while it is laid down that it must be paid again when goods are transhipped to or received from the hinterland. Mupinghsu and Fushanhsien are exempt from the inside levy. The merchants are strongly protesting through their Chambers of Commerce.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH COLONIAL ENTERPRISE.

BIG PROGRESS IN COTTON GROWING.

Barcelona, Sept. 18.
The fourteenth international cotton congress opened at the Town Hall, Barcelona, to-day. There were over five hundred delegates present, including representatives of Great Britain, Egypt, India and Japan.

Mr. Howarth, one of the British delegates, in the course of one of the opening speeches, detailed the progress of cotton growing in British colonies. He said that in the last twenty-five years, three million bales had been produced in countries where cotton-growing was formerly unknown.—*Reuter*.

OUTER MONGOLIA MOBILISING.

CAVALRY DIVISIONS SENT TO CHINESE BORDER.

Changchun, Sept. 18.
A message to the Rengzi Agency states that according to information emanating from a White Russian source, the Outer Mongolia (Soviet) Government has ordered the mobilisation of all males between the ages of 20 and 40, and has ordered two cavalry divisions, commanded by Russian officers, to move to the Chinese frontier.

The report adds that preparations are going on to move another 60,000 troops according to up-to-date Hospital is now being presented to us.

DEBATE ON BUDGET OPENS.

WEAKNESSES EXPOSED BY THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

Sai Kung Road Condemned as Premature, Mr. Braga Dissenting.

OPPOSITION TO R.N.V.R. VOTE.

The apparently recent awakening of livelier interest in the Colony's affairs, the signs of greater public-spiritedness generally, lent added importance to the opening of the debate, in the Legislative Council this afternoon, on the Budget for 1930.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock led the Unofficial Members in a close scrutiny of the Government's proposals, and in drawing attention to the numerous schemes of vital concern to the Colony omitted from consideration. The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow addressed the Council on behalf of the three Chinese members, and other speeches were delivered by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who confined himself in the main, to the special requirements of Kowloon.

The Government intimated that they would reserve their replies until the next meeting of Council, which will be held on Monday.

The Unofficials do not view the Budget with favour, are unanimously of the opinion that the formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is unnecessary and calculated to affect detrimentally the H.K.V.R.C., regard the Sai Kung motor road as premature. (Mr. Braga dissenting from this view,) and urge proceeding with other urgent requirements—a new Gaol, a new G.C.H., a new City Hall, etc.—in preference.

The ground is covered most exhaustively, from the point of view of future as well as present requirements.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow alone makes reference to the Report of the Salaries Commission, and then in passing while drawing attention to the rising cost of administration.

SHING MUN DELAY CRITICISED.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., opening the debate said:

Your Excellency, As the Senior Unofficial Member, I have been asked by my Unofficial Colleagues to make the main speech dealing with the Estimates for 1930 on behalf of all the Unofficial Members; after which some of my Honourable friends will, in due course, as is customary, make certain observations of their own.

In the matter of the Shing Mun Road only my Honourable friend Mr. Braga does not see eye to eye with the rest of us, and he will doubtless indicate, in due course, his reasons for that dissent.

At the outset, Sir, we have to confess that we find the Budget for 1930 somewhat uninspiring and disappointing.

In his remarks on the first Reading of the Appropriation Bill for 1930, the Honourable Colonial Secretary admitted in effect that the Government had not adopted a forward policy in material works, and this is obviously so when one comes to consider some of the Colony's pressing needs which still await fulfilment.

One of the foremost of such needs is a new Government Civil Hospital.

G.C.H. and Asylum.

Our Government Civil Hospital is hopelessly out of date. It goes back to the early days of the Colony and an entirely new structure is one of our most pressing needs. It is difficult to keep clean and is unhygienic according to modern ideas. It is also at times very overcrowded. There is no isolation block—the maternity wing is inadequate—the X-ray room is damp and unsatisfactorily located.

In his speech on the Budget for 1929 (see *Hongkong Hansard* for 1928, at page 74) the Honourable Mr. E. R. Hallifax, then Acting Colonial Secretary, after stating that expenditure for a new Government Civil Hospital must be faced in the near future, said that "expenditure for beginning the Government Civil Hospital at least will, I expect, be asked in the Estimates for 1930"; and it is very disappointing to the Unofficial Members to see that no provision for the long-promised Hospital is now being presented to us.

Our prison accommodation is very insufficient. A few years ago we thought that we were well on the way to better times but the fine new edifice which we had visualised crumbled like the walls of Jericho at the first trumpet-blast of financial depression, and we are left with \$300,000 worth of foundations now buried under the sands of Kai Tak.

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"JIMMY" THOMAS IN GOOD HUMOUR.

THE EMPIRE'S COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER!

CANADA'S RESPONSE.

London, Sept. 18.
Mr. J. H. Thomas, who is popularly known as the Minister of Employment arrived in Liverpool to-day on his return from Canada.

He was very happy regarding the trip, and in the course of an interview he said: "I am completely satisfied with the results of my visit. I certainly hope, and feel sure, it will contribute to the solution of unemployment in that, as a direct result of my visit, Canada will take more coal and steel and other things from Great Britain which at present she takes from other countries.

"Of course I cannot specify. I must lay my proposals and any results in connexion with my tour before Cabinet and before Parliament. I have not asked Canada to take things from us which she produces herself, but I felt I was entitled to put in strong claim having regard to the Home country being her largest single purchaser of wheat; apart from the ties of Empire. When I made comparisons of the amount she purchased from us as compared with the United States, I found

Canada very ready to listen to the claim I was urging. Canada knows we are her best customers now and I urged her to reciprocate in the direction I have indicated.

"I propose to call a meeting of all interested business parties in our country so that the necessary steps may be taken to give practical effect to my efforts.

"All this is only consistent with my statement when I took office that there is no remedy for unemployment by artificial means. The real solution is to get customers. I know it is an unusual step for a British Cabinet Minister to take the role of a commercial traveller. But the cause necessitated it and the result justifies it."

Mr. Thomas admitted that he took out to Canada samples of British coal, of which tests were made. Orders would be placed for British coal as a result.—*British Wireless*.

PREMIER VISITS HIS MAJESTY.

AN OVERNIGHT STAY AT SANDRINGHAM.

London, Sept. 18.
Mr. Ramsey MacDonald motorised to Sandringham to-day to visit the King.

The Premier, who was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Isobel MacDonald, will stay over night at Sandringham, returning to London to-morrow.

The Prince of Wales is at present with the King and Queen at Sandringham.—*British Wireless*.

A RED TURNED PINK.

M. FRUMKIN DISMISSED FROM POSITION.

Moscow, Sept. 18.
The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union has dismissed the Vice-Commissioner of Finance, M. Frumkin, from his position.

M. Frumkin's dismissal follows his prominent identification recently with the Right Wing movement in the Communist Party.—*Reuter*.

As regards the Water Supply, we notice that the Estimates for 1927 do not provide for the bringing of the water from the Shing Mun Valley across the Harbour as was originally intended; and we are disappointed to find that the Colonial Secretary's remarks in introducing the Budget, contain no reference whatever to so important a matter as the securing of an adequate water-supply for the Island of Hongkong. It is good news to hear that the first portion of the Shing Mun Valley scheme will place the water-supply of Kowloon and of our shipping beyond any probability of shortage for an indefinite period; but we think that steps should promptly be taken to put the Island of Hongkong in an equally satisfactory position; for

As a sequel to a burglary committed at the residence or Mr. G. A. V. Hall, at 329, Kowloon Tong, a pawnbroker was charged at Kowloon this morning for failing to detain a man when a clock stolen during the burglary was taken in pawn. The case was adjourned, as the Magistrate held that the summons was taken out under the wrong section.

Better Fighter.

In reply to questions regarding the fight on July 22, witness said Ah Tsui was a better fighter than prisoner, who could not stand one blow and was easily knocked down. The trial is proceeding.

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**TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT
AND BIRCHING.**

Sentence of ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch, was the sentence passed by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood on Luis Oliva, who was found guilty yesterday afternoon at the Criminal Sessions on charges of rape and indecent assault of Mrs. Natividad Fralladona, employed at No. 5, King's Terrace, Kowloon, and common assault on her husband.

The case for the Crown concluded at tiffin time and the accused put forward his defence when the Court resumed.

Accused's Story.

Accused referred to Mr. Fralladona's evidence as to his remaining outside the room for 15 minutes and said that a wife was a most precious thing and it was the duty of her husband to protect her. If he had told the truth, he had sufficient time to call 20 policemen in order to prevent harm being done and have the man arrested.

After saying the evidence against him was all lies, accused went on to say that Nati had sat beside him during meals in the past and she had given him the evidence in order to enhance her reputation with her husband and be accepted in his eyes. Both the wife and husband had said they shouted, but was it possible that they were not heard when it was remembered that the incident was alleged to have occurred at dinner time and there were people in adjoining flats.

In Love with Each Other.

Speaking of the letter Nati said she wrote to him on June 20, saying she did not wish to have anything more to do with him, accused asked if that evidence could be believed as they went and had their photographs taken together afterwards. Also he stated, the woman had told a lie as to the date of the letter in order to keep her reputation.

It was clear, he continued, that they (accused and Nati) were in love with each other.

Accused also alleged that he told Sergt. Fitches he had an important letter in a pocket of his coat among his clothes at an hotel, but Sergt. Fitches changed that letter for another one without his (accused's) knowledge. When Sergt. Fitches arrested him no knife was found on him.

An Elaborate Conspiracy?

In his summing-up, his Lordship pointed out that not only did accused have certain letters in his possession but the girl consented to have her photograph taken with him. They had it in evidence that the girl had been accused twice on each of two different days. They further had the admission of the girl that she went out shopping to buy herself a ring with her own money in his company. All the facts tended to show that the relations between the two had a certain amount of the character of relations between normal lovers. That was what the accused claimed.

He suggested, continued his Lordship, that the woman had offended against her husband and she had desired to put herself on a good relationship with him. For that reason, accused suggested that the woman had conspired to bring the charges. If there was a conspiracy then four persons must be in it, the mistress and the barber who gave evidence, together with the complainants. In prosecution of a conspiracy, the woman must have submitted herself to the man for the purpose of establishing the first charges.

The woman must also have submitted to a further indignity for establishing the second charges. It, said his Lordship, the story told for the Crown was false, then one had to find that the conspiracy included all those people. If that was so, then it was a very elaborate conspiracy. The story told for the Crown was curious, but it

BAG SNATCHERS.

**EUROPEAN LADIES ROBBED
IN CITY.**

Two European ladies were the victims of snatchers yesterday. Mrs. W. J. Hanna, while carrying a rattan basket and passing along Ice House Street yesterday forenoon, about 11.30, was accosted by a Chinese who snatched her basket, containing \$15 in bank notes, and a monthly ticket for the Peak Tram, as well as a cheque book issued by the Mercantile Bank. The thief approached the lady from behind, and succeeded in making off with the booty.

Mrs. J. McLeod was victimised about noon yesterday while walking along Wyndham Street. She was robbed by a young Chinese of about 18, who succeeded in making off with her handbag containing \$1 and a bunch of keys.

Police are investigating a complaint by Miss Heather Angel, of the Forbes-Russell Comedy Company, who states that she either lost, or was robbed of, a considerable sum in rupees and Straits Settlements dollars during Tuesday night.

Miss Angel left a bag containing the money at the Theatre Royal during her performance there on Tuesday, and afterwards took her bag back to the Peninsula Hotel, where she is staying.

Yesterday morning Miss Angel discovered that the envelope in which she had left the notes had been removed, but the other contents of the bag were untouched.

"RED" LITERATURE.

**TWO CHINESE GET YEAR'S
IMPRISONMENT.**

Charged with the possession of seditious documents two young Chinese who were arrested last month outside the Naval Yard were sentenced to a total of 12 months' hard labour at the conclusion of the case before Mr. A.W.G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

A translation of the documents showed that the seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway was made an occasion for a fresh denunciation of "Capitalists" and "Imperialists," the pamphlets being issued over the name of the "Young Men's Association of the Two Kwangs."

had been told in a straightforward manner.

Curious Features.

There were, however, some curious features. The husband remained outside the door while the alleged offences were being committed, without attempting to get assistance although help was close at hand. Also, if the story was true, it was curious that accused should have waited afterwards and followed the husband and wife for some distance along the road before he entered a barber's shop. With regard to the knife, accused had no knife on him when arrested.

After a retirement lasting 40 minutes, the jury brought in verdicts of guilty on all three charges.

10 Years and Birch.

Addressing accused, his Lordship said that while the jury had been in retirement he had been considering the evidence very carefully, and he would have brought in the same verdict himself. Accused had behaved in a most brutal manner to the woman and it was his (his Lordship's) duty to protect women in the Colony. He proposed to inflict a sentence which accused had fully earned for himself and which, he hoped, would act as a deterrent to other men who might be thinking of acting in the same way.

On the first count he would go to prison for ten years with hard labour and receive 24 strokes with the birch. For indecent assault he would be imprisoned for two years with hard labour and for common assault on the woman's husband, the sentence of the Court was that he should be imprisoned for one year with hard labour. The sentences would run concurrently.

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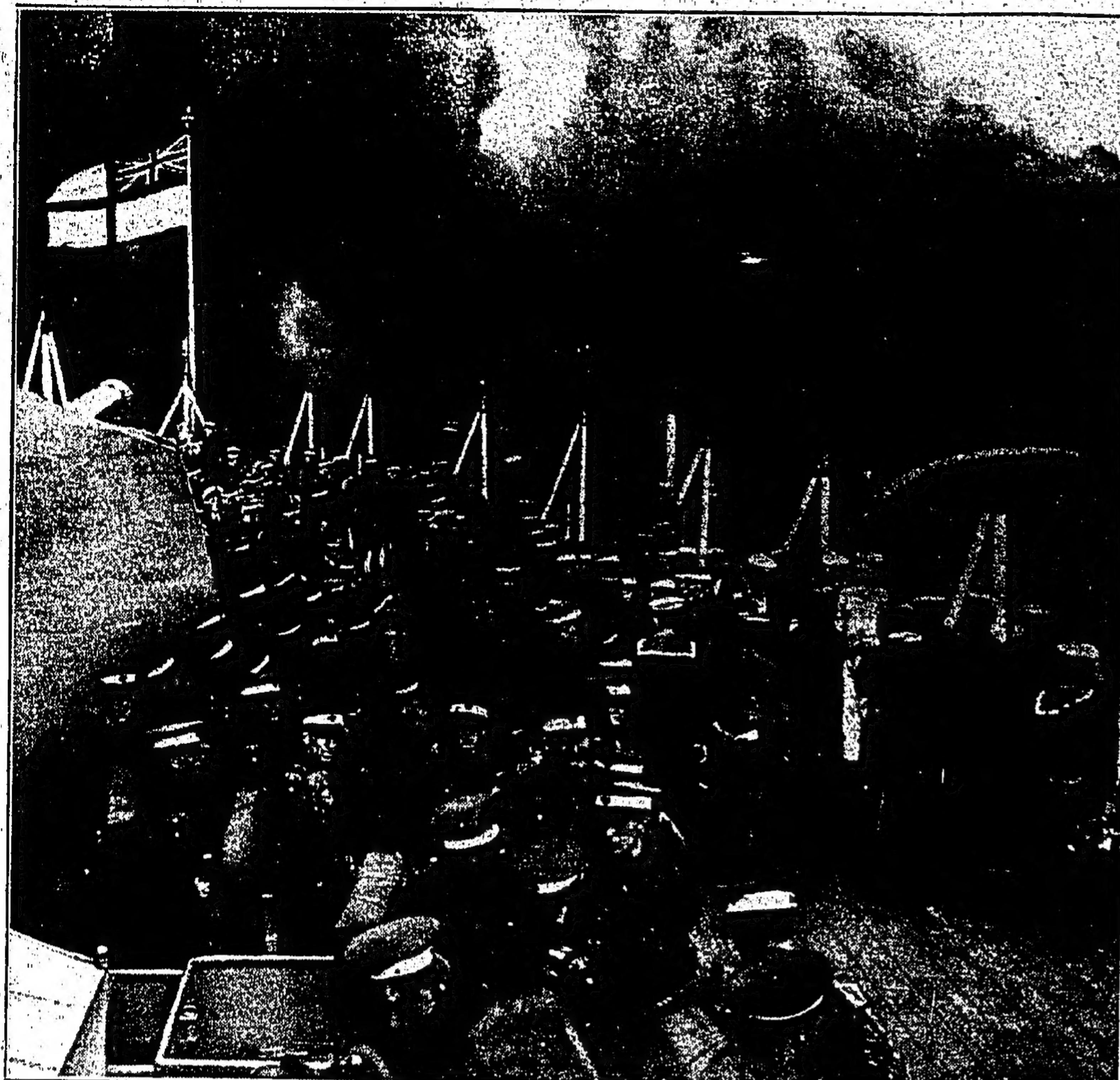
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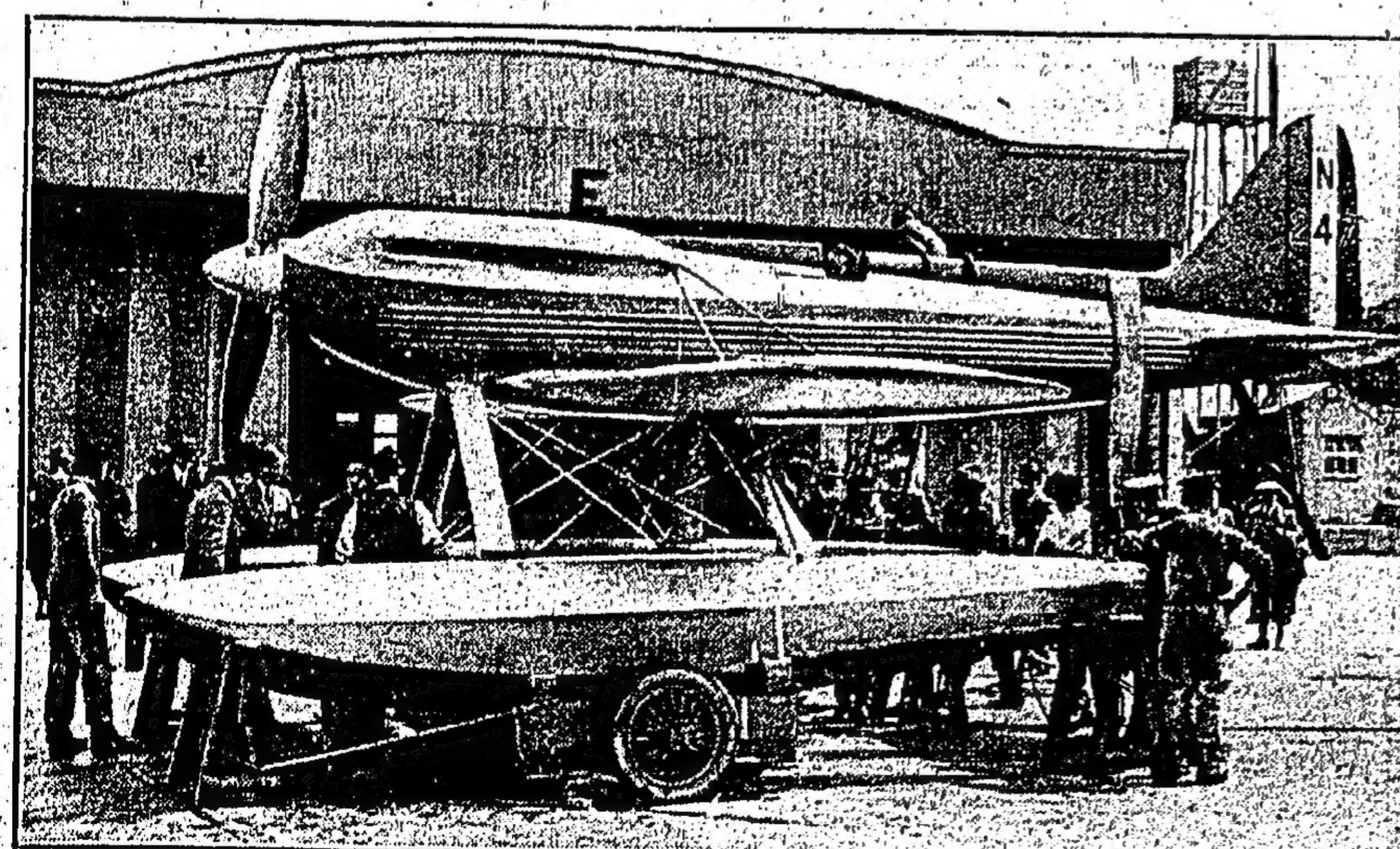
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Territorial exercises in Sussex: Invasion of England. The Royal Navy co-operated in the exercises of the 47th Territorial Division, who are in camp in the neighbourhood of Brighton. Overnight a skeleton force was embarked in H. M. S. Iron Duke and was landed at Newhaven under the protection of a smoke screen from a Torpedo-boat Destroyer. Our picture shows the troops in the Iron Duke waiting to disembark. (Times copyright).



Territorial exercises in Sussex: Invasion of England. The Torpedo-boat Destroyer laying the smoke screen for the protection of the skeleton "Greyland" force. The landing was watched by a large number of holiday-makers. (Times copyright).



Another photograph showing the fastest aeroplane in the world, the Super Marine Rolls-Royce S-6, in which Flying Officer Waghorn won the Schneider Cup and in which Squadron Leader Orlebar flew at an average speed of 357.7 miles an hour, achieving a pace of 368.8 m.p.h. in one particular lap. The photo was taken at Calshot during the trials. (Times copyright).



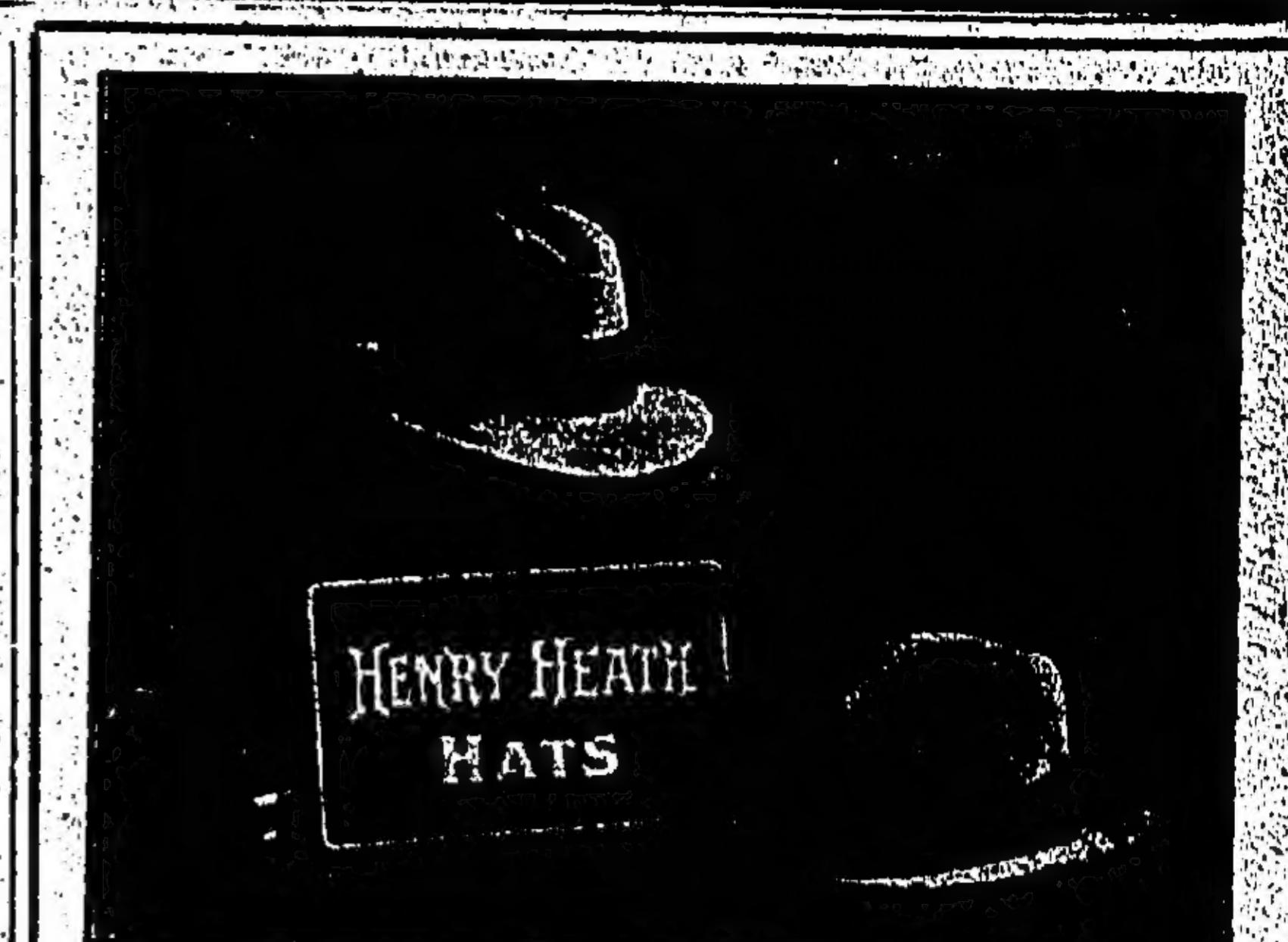
The well-dressed girl in 2029 A. D. will wear this attire, including top hat, for all evening occasions, according to Miss Merna Kennedy shown above. Miss Kennedy is one of the most charming of Hollywood's many cinema beauties and even though we may not live to see it, Merna's idea doesn't seem at all bad.



Many visitors took advantage of the opportunity to learn something about the Fleet and the life of its personnel when Chatham Navy Week opened recently. A party is seen inspecting a gun on H. M. S. Vindictive. (Times copyright).



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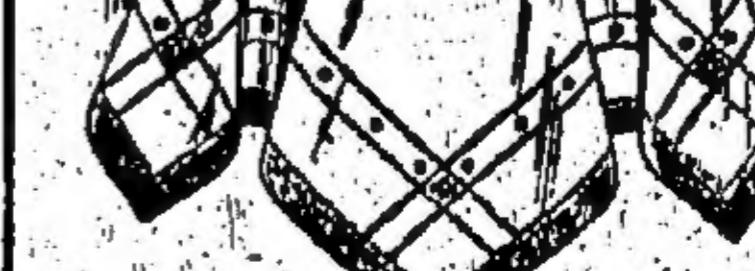
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Locality	Conditions of Sale					Open Price
				N.	E.	W.	S.	Annual Rent	
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Open Spaces.

A cognate subject is that of open spaces. Realising the interest which Your Excellency has taken in the rapid growth of Kowloon, it must be apparent how intensively building operations are proceeding especially at Kowloon Point. At the present building rate the few remaining open spaces will have disappeared within the next few months, and the mistake which is apparent in the congested districts of the Island will be perpetuated in Kowloon.

Street Obstructions.

While on the subject of sanitation it becomes my duty respectfully to invite Your Excellency's attention to the serious obstruction of public thoroughfares at Kowloon—and the same may be said of similar conditions obtaining on the Island—by licensed stallholders for the sale of food-stuffs that should be kept within the limits of the markets or shops especially licensed for the purpose.

There is flagrant abuse of the conditions attached to these licences.

A drive any afternoon through the thickly inhabited districts will convince the most unobservant that certain roadways on the Peninsula as well as on the Island have been converted into open market places by the advantage taken by permittees in exceeding the privileges conceded under the terms of their licences.

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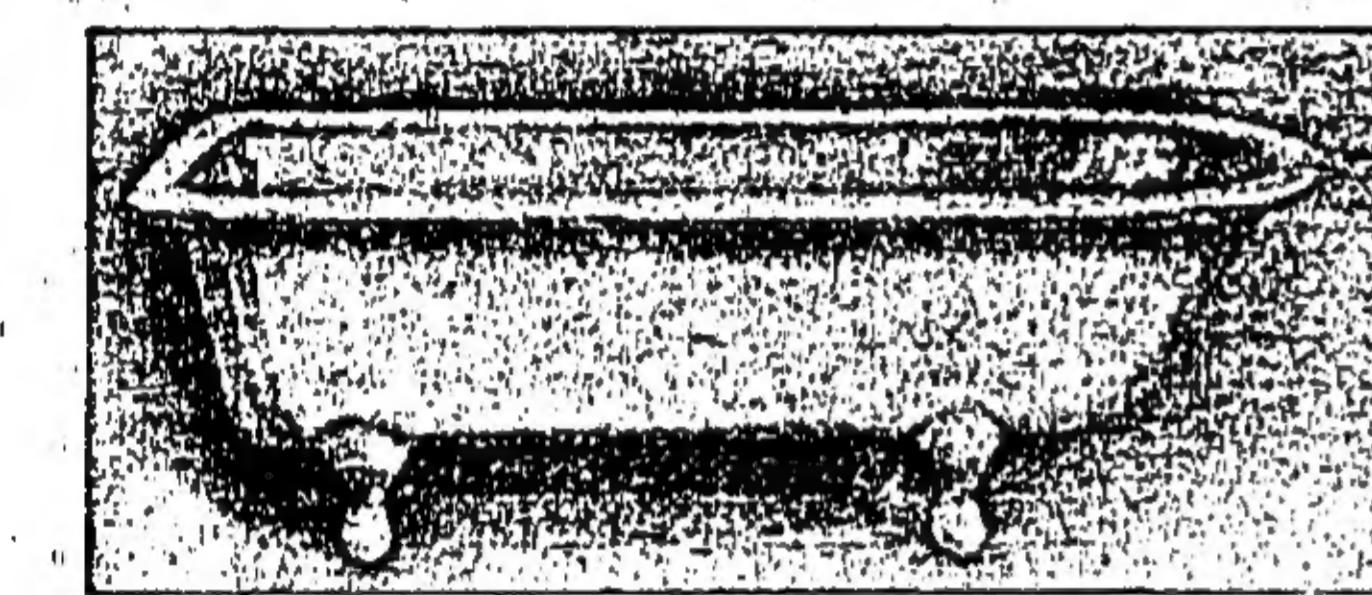
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YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

London, Sept. 18. Three of the six matches played in the Football League to-day resulted in the sharing of points, the most interesting achievement being credited to Preston North End, who gained their first point of the season at the expense of Bristol City.

Bolton Wunderers, the Cup holders, are still without a win, though they played at home to-day. Exeter City played a goalless draw—a very rare result so far this season—with Torquay.

The biggest wins were secured by Watford and York City, the latter team being newcomers to first-class football. The results were:—

First Division.

Bolton 2 Middlesbrough 2

Bristol C. 2 Preston N.E. 2

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth 2 City Palace 1

Exeter City 0 Torquay 0

Watford 3 Brighton 0

Third Division (North).

York City 3 N. Brighton 0

—Reuter.

The 5th Annual Championship of the Shek O Golf Club will be held on Sunday, 13th October. The competition will be played over 36 holes medal play. Members intending to play should submit their names together with the name of their partners to the Secretaries, Messrs. Thomson & Co., on or before Thursday 10th October.

**AMERICAN BASEBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**PHILLIES WIN LEAGUE
PENNANT.**

New York, Sept. 14. After fourteen seasons of disappointment, Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack, veteran pilot of the Philadelphia team, realized his dream to-day—that of seeing his team win another pennant before his retirement.

The Athletics clinched the American League championship during to-day's play shutting out Chicago, 5 to 0, while New York dropped the first game of a double-header to St. Louis, 12 to 3.

"A Soldier Who Likes Fair Play."—Your letter, because of personalities contained therein, cannot be published. We have, however, noted your complaint and will endeavour to see what can be done in the matter.

His Excellency Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James, and Mme. Sze, are passing through Hongkong to-morrow. In their honour, the Sino-American Returned Students' Union will give a tea party at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

Mr. F. T. Melyani informs us that the Sind Hindu Merchants Association has started a fund for the relief of distress amongst those who have suffered from the floods in Sind, which have been followed by an outbreak of cholera. The Association has contributed \$1,500 and appeals for public support. Donations, however small, may be sent to Mr. Melyani, c/o Messrs. Pohoomull Brothers, 29C, Wyndham Street, Messrs. Wassiamull Assomull (the Treasurer of the Association) and the Pioneer Silk Store.

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**SERIOUS BLAZE IN
MANILA.**

**SPECTACULAR FIRE AT BIG
AMERICAN MILL.**

VISIBLE FOR MILES.

Manila, Sept. 16. A spectacular and dangerous fire, more serious than any Manila conflagration since the Cosmopolitan Building, burned, razed the plant of the Norton and Harrison Company, an old-established American firm, shortly after four o'clock yesterday morning.

The fire broke out in the mill at 814 Calle Echague and spread rapidly, destroying the mill and four bodegas filled with machinery and supplies, including paint and a quantity of lumber stored in the yard.

The burning paint caused a fire of fierce intensity which lit the sky with a lurid glow visible for miles, attracting a huge crowd over a wide area to watch the spectacle.

Officials of the company last night estimated the loss at P500,000. All of it is covered by insurance. The flames were under control before they could reach another P1,000,000 worth of lumber stored in the yard. Lack of any wind is credited with saving a much greater loss.

Considerable doubt exists as to the cause of the fire. It is believed, however, that defective electric wiring in the mill was responsible.

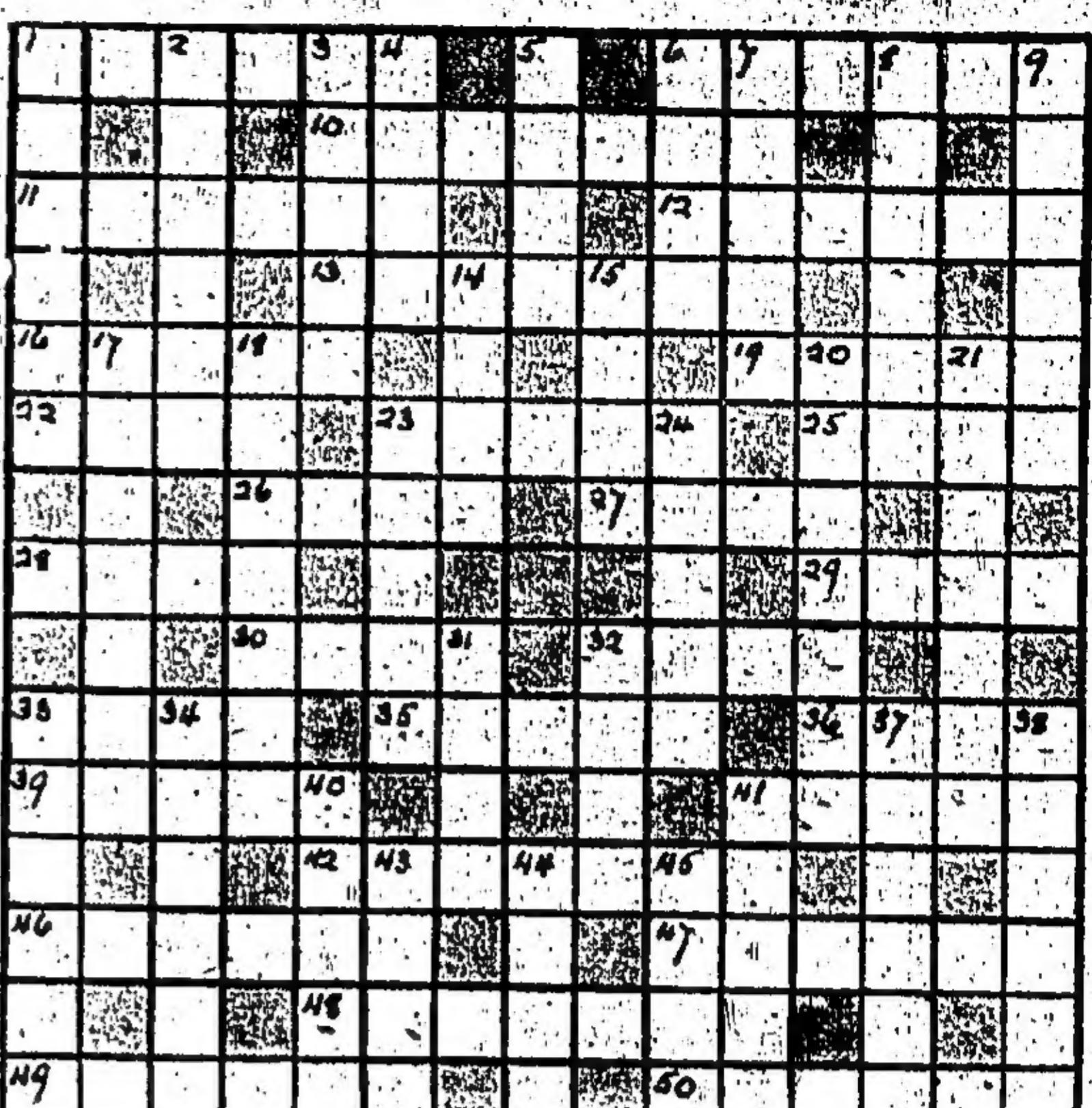
SOVIET FLIGHT.

**REACHES KAMCHATKA ON
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DEBATE ON BUDGET OPENS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

able Mr. Ormsby Gore seems worth attention:—

as you, Sir, are well aware, we have, notwithstanding repeated increases in our water-supply on the Island during the past 25 years, constantly found ourselves under the necessity (in some cases for periods of several weeks at a time) of having a restricted water-supply in certain districts of this Colony—a procedure which is not only inconvenient but also contrary to the interests of public health. We, therefore, consider it of vital importance that the original intention to carry the pipe-line across the Harbour should be proceeded with forthwith."

All those remarks were made by me on behalf of the whole body of the Unofficial Members, but the matter of bringing the pipe-line across the Harbour was then viewed as being of such urgency and importance by my Unofficial Colleagues that my Honourable friend Sir Shou Son Chow (speaking on behalf of himself and his Chinese Colleague, Dr. Kotewall) referred to the matter again in his speech (see Hansard 1926, at page 78), in the course of which, after referring to the hardships which the Chinese suffered from a policy of water restriction, Sir Shou Son Chow said:

"We, therefore, urge no matter what other minor plans the Government may have in mind for increasing the water supply on the Island, no matter what reasons the Government may have for not proceeding with the Shing Mun scheme, some scheme for bringing water across the Harbour should be carried out as soon as possible."

Advice Disregarded.

The Government, however, thought fit to disregard the united advice of the Unofficial Members of this Council in the matter with the result that more than eighteen months of valuable time were wasted, in failing to take steps to bring the water across the Harbour, and indeed the pipe-line will, apparently, if probability not be completed for several months.

Passing on, we note from your summary of the cost of our waterworks and their maintenance that you do not consider that the receipts from water services give a reasonable return on our past expenditure and you hint that in a year or two we shall accordingly have to pay extra taxation in respect of water.

But, Sir, we do not see why the present residents of this Colony should be saddled with long past expenditure upon waterworks which has been paid from time to time out of revenue, nor can we agree with the principle that all "Government expenditure ought to produce a revenue which will give a reasonable rate of interest on the capital expended.

In the course of your speech, Sir, at the last meeting of this Council you said:—

"The aim of the Government is to give every house connected with the waterworks, both on Hongkong Island and the mainland, a full supply of filtered water throughout the year."

We venture, however, to express grave doubts whether, unless the Government very speedily indeed gets on with the construction of the big dam at Shing Mun, it will be reasonably practicable for the Government for some years to come to discard the rider-mail system.

We would, therefore, most strongly urge the Government to press on with the plans for the construction of the big dam in the Shing Mun gorge and with the building of the dam itself.

We do not know whether the present position of uncertainty is due to divided opinion within the Government or not, but what we do suggest is that your Excellency might appoint an advisory Committee from the residents of the Colony with technical knowledge, who, we feel certain, will be able to assist in arriving at definite recommendations and whose advice will, we believe, be of great assistance to the Government.

Public Health.

Next we turn to the question of malaria. We note with pleasure the advent to this Colony of the Honourable Dr. Wellington, one of the experts on this subject, who, we understand, has been working on a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the Public Health of the Colony, and whose recommendations we hope to see shortly laid upon the table of this Council.

In the meantime we heartily approve of the new staff to assist him in his labours which is proposed in the Estimates for 1930, for hitherto Dr. Wellington has been rather in the position of a General without an army.

There can be no doubt that it is necessary to wage war upon the malarial-bearing kinds of mosquito, especially at Repulse Bay, Stanley and Tai Po and in the Kowloon foothills.

In this connexion the following quotation from the Report, already referred to, of the Right Honourable

Mr. Ormsby Gore seems worth attention:—

The importance of adequate training in hygiene and preventive medicine can hardly be overstated. Every practitioner in a tropical climate should be a sanitarian. The value of measures for the protection of the health of the individual and the community is well-recognised in Malaya, where so many successful pioneer workers in the field of sanitation and anti-malaria measures have set an example throughout the East. It is remarkable, therefore, that a Chair of Public Health has not so far been regarded as essential in the College of Medicine. A strong and vigorous department organised for research and experiment, for post-graduate studies and refresher courses in conjunction with the departments of bacteriology, pathology and tropical medicine, for additional training of the assistant surgeons, and for instruction to Sanitary Inspectors in close association with the Singapore Municipal Health Department is urgently required.

Board of Health.

In Hongkong there is at present no Board of Health whatever, but the question seems well worth consideration whether it would not be advisable for the Government to establish such a Board, under the Presidency of the Honourable Dr. Wellington, for preventive and research work, seeing that the present powers of the Sanitary Board, in regard to Public Health are very ill-defined.

The question also arises whether this Colony ought not to contribute more than it does now to schools for research into tropical diseases.

Agricultural Education.

Instruction in agriculture ought to form one branch of the Government's education curriculum and to be taught in the Government and Vernacular Schools.

In Ceylon, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies much has been accomplished, the rice-crops having been largely increased per acre by scientific means alone, and many new cereals and plants have been introduced.

The Right Honourable Mr. Ormsby Gore in his above mentioned Report, when dealing with Ceylon, at page 74, points out the proved utility in Canada and other parts of the Empire of cinema films as a means of disseminating instruction regarding the best agricultural practices, the result of experimental work and research, and the prevention of insect-pests and plant diseases, and he also points out that the Films Committee of the Empire Marketing Board is now engaged in formulating plans for an interchange of instructional films between different parts of the Empire.

Native Lecturers.

Mr. Ormsby Gore also points out (on page 123), when dealing with Java that in that Island the best method of reaching the agricultural peasant has been found to be by means of a staff of trained native lecturers.

Also we suggest that instruction be given in the above mentioned schools in sanitation, hygiene and anti-malaria measures, and that endeavours be made to instruct the peasants in the outlying districts of the New Territories in the above subjects by means of trained native lecturers.

Likewise, under the heading of Education, we suggest that the curriculum of the University and of all other teaching institutions where English is taught should include a review of the progress of this Colony from 1841 up to to-day, upon similar lines to your Excellency's interesting review of the progress of the Colony from 1896 till 1926, as reported in the Hongkong Hansard for 1927, at pages 58 to 65.

More Markets Needed.

The cost of living tends steadily upwards and we require markets and yet more markets to be built in order conveniently to serve the different districts of this Colony, and incidentally it may be remarked that markets produce considerable revenue.

In our opinion a small market which was unanimously recommended at a meeting of all the members of the Sanitary Board and which need only cost about \$10,000 should be erected in Kowloon Tong, because that settlement is a long distance from any existing market.

We note with regret that, owing to shortage of staff and pressure of other work, little progress has been made this year with the Sai Ying Pun new market, only \$20,000 being spent out of a vote of \$200,000. We especially urge that this building be vigorously proceeded with during the coming year, and that the full proposed allocation of \$200,000 for 1930 be spent during the coming year.

Port Facilities.

Hongkong's one great asset is the Harbour; almost everything which produces prosperity is ranged round it. Hongkong without her Harbour, her shipping, her godowns and her docks might as well not exist.

There are great developments in front of us—bigger ships, many bigger ships than have ever before entered our Harbour, will be running to this Port in the near future—bigger possibly than we are at the moment able to deal with.

Is the Government sufficiently providing beforehand for the new conditions as regards dredging and buoy accommodation?

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company is, we know, notwithstanding the difficult times through which the Colony has passed, making gallant efforts to keep pace with the rapidly changing conditions of the port by widening the entrance to their big Dock in order to accommodate the biggest class of ship at present contemplated, whilst the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company is keenly alive to the necessity of increasing its wharf accommodation and negotiations to this end are now in progress with the Authorities concerned.

It is to be hoped that the Government will do all within its power to assist these negotiations to a successful conclusion. The cost to the Godown Company of the necessary extensions to cope with the situation in the future will be considerable but is regarded as essential in the interests of a Port of the size and importance of Hongkong.

Statistics of the Port.

We have noted with pleasure on pages 24 and 26 the provision in the Estimates for re-establishing a statistical department under the aegis of the Import and Export Office. We agree that these statistics ought to embrace all phases of Hongkong's trade and thus give a clear indication of Hongkong's commercial position.

Playing Grounds.

Another of our pressing local needs is the provision of adequate and sufficient recreation grounds. This Colony has arrived at a stage in its development when this matter has to be faced fairly and squarely, seeing that it is part of the curriculum of every school in this Colony to instill into every scholar the value of outdoor exercises and physical culture. One has only to read the Report of the Director of Education in order to appreciate this, and on any day and at any time one has only to wander through any part of the Colony to get an idea of what a hold the love of sport is getting on all and sundry. It ranges from the small boy who plays with a shuttlecock in the streets or kicks a ball about in Statue Square to the vast crowds who attend football and other matches.

Your Excellency has appointed a Committee to go into the question of providing more playing-grounds, and no doubt we shall receive many valuable recommendations from them, but we most strongly urge on the Government the conversion of certain large areas into what we would like to describe for want of a better term, as "Municipal Recreation Areas" and in particular we have in mind the low level area between Aberdeen and Deep Water Bay, and the area round the foot-hills of Kowloon known as "The Park" and the Shatin Valley.

K. R. A. Recommendations.

In a cosmopolitan Colony like Hongkong it is desirable to encourage the coming together of the various nationalities in friendly intercourse. What better means can there be to assist this than in the field of sport and on the Public Recreation Grounds of the Colony?

Whilst dealing with the subject of recreation grounds, we desire to draw attention to the fact that the recommendations of the Kowloon Residents' Association regarding the making and equipping of sufficient playing-grounds for the children of Kowloon have not yet been carried out by the Government, and in particular we desire to ask why no provision has been made in the Estimates for 1930 for the promised children's playground between Salisbury Road and Middle Road. We would also inquire why sufficient fencing has not yet been put round the children's playground in Chatham Road as has been repeatedly urged upon the Government.

Open Spaces.

There is also the vital question of earmarking unbuilt-on spaces as lungs for the Colony; open spaces for dwellers in the congested districts.

Aviation.

We now turn to aviation. Following, as we must, the general trend of events in China we cannot help being struck by the keen interest taken by the Chinese in aviation and the efforts being made by them to create a network of services in various parts of the country. In wireless telegraphy there is the very large high-power long and short wave station at Malabar and a newer short wave station nearer Bandra. These communicate direct with Europe and with the United States of America, and lower down he says:—Such developments are far ahead of any thing yet accomplished in the British Colonial Dependencies."

Wuchow, two and a half hours from Kwai-ling and ten hours from Shanghai, one can get some conception of the great possibilities of aviation.

We have an aerodrome in the course of construction; but aviation is still backward in this Colony. Singapore has its flying club financially supported by the Straits Settlements' Government and a club at Colombo is under consideration, whilst in India there are about 12 similar associations.

Flying clubs, such as we refer to, can provide an arm to the volunteers and the police in case of trouble and at the same time those who are prepared to take up aviation on a more permanent basis are given an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the science in its early stages.

Mr. Vaughan Fowler, the representative of the Far East Aviation Company has laid before your Excellency a detailed scheme for a flying club similar to those I have already mentioned and we are glad to note that you have given it the Colony's financial support in the Budget for 1930. The very substantial provision appearing on page 32 of the Estimates is indicative of your Excellency's belief, which we share, in this means of communication in the future and of its practical application to this part of the world and in particular of Hongkong's vital interest in it.

Home Government's Contribution.

At the same time we hope that the new Labour Government, which is obviously anxious to promote the interest of the Colonies to the utmost of its power, will see the reasonableness of the Imperial Government making a larger contribution than \$100,000 towards our aerodrome.

We feel that this matter of a much larger contribution being made by the Imperial Government is of so much importance that we make no apology for quoting the following extract from the speech made by my Honourable friend, Sir Shou-Son Chow, voicing the collective views of the Unofficial Members of this Council, in his budget speech of the 4th October, 1928 (see Hongkong Hansard of 1928 at page 85):

"The inability of His Majesty's Government to contribute more than \$100,000 towards the cost of the Aerodrome instead of paying three-fourths of the total cost is very disappointing to the community, after it had been told that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had actually proposed to the Imperial Treasury three-fourths of the cost as being an equitable share of the outlay. Feeling that the Secretary of State would not have accepted this proposal, we are of the opinion that those schemes we are indicating to-day, for the above reasons, are premature to proceed with the proposed Sai Kung Road.

Whilst we are of the opinion that having regard to the great rapidity with which the Kowloon Peninsula is developing it is desirable to provide facilities for further development and expansion, we are of the opinion that there are a number of schemes far more pressing than the proposed Sai Kung Road, and which need putting in hand and completion before this proposed road is brought under consideration. Many of those schemes we are indicating to-day, for the above reasons, are premature to proceed with the proposed Sai Kung Road.

It seems to us a complete fallacy to suppose that the opening up of motor-roads, with pleasant building-sites on them, must necessarily lead to building development, and in this connexion we need only point to the Tai Po Road, built thirty years ago, the Castle Peak Road, the short road over the hill to Repulse Bay and the Shek O Road.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

We see, from page 100 of the

Estimates, that it is suggested that a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve should be created in this Colony and that in the coming year a sum of \$23,265 is there budgeted as the first year's expenditure.

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Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Our railway to the border shows a better return than before, but it can hardly be regarded as a successful venture until such time as the Hankow-Canton Railway is completed and the loop-line at Canton is built.

We desire to take this opportunity of assuring your Excellency that all sections of this community most heartily support you in your untiring efforts to maintain the most friendly relations with the Chinese Authorities in the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi and also with the Chinese Central Government at Nanking.

We also trust that the rumoured negotiations for connecting Canton with Hongkong by telephone will prove successful, because every link which joins Hongkong to Canton is of mutual benefit to both places.

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Military Contribution.

On page 12, item 38 of the Estimates and on page 100 we notice some rather puzzling figures regarding Military Contribution.

For instance, the revised estimate for 1929, \$3,321,763 on page 12 is not repeated on page 100.

Are we to understand that this latter figure and not the proposed estimate for 1929, which appears as \$3,583,883 on both pages 12 and 100 is being paid for Military Contribution this year?

In connexion with Military Contribution, we should also like to know whether such Contribution is paid upon profits from the Colony's sales of investments. We submit that it is seriously open to question whether such profits ought to be subjected to Military Contribution.

Quarry Bay Road.

Seventy Foot Road Between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay. We see from the Estimates for Public Works Extraordinary (Item No. 18 on page 84) that a sum of \$15,000 is budgeted for in connection with a small portion of this road.

The portion of the road from Al-King's Slipway to the South China Athletic Association Bathing House is one of the most difficult and dangerous roads in this Colony, and we consider that the continuation and completion of this road for the full distance between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay should not only be taken in hand, but should be completed without further delay. In fact we regard it as most unfortunate that the work on this road should have been delayed for so long.

Sai Kung Road.

We notice on page 88 of the Estimates (Item 110) that it is proposed to construct a new road from Kowloon City to Sai Kung at an estimated cost of about \$1,170,000.

Whilst we are of the opinion that having regard to the great rapidity with which the Kowloon Peninsula is developing it is desirable to provide facilities for further development and expansion, we are of the opinion that there are a number of schemes far more pressing than the proposed Sai Kung Road, and which need putting in hand and completion before this proposed road is brought under consideration. Many of those schemes we are indicating to-day, for the above reasons, are premature to proceed with the proposed Sai Kung Road.

It seems to us a complete fallacy to suppose that the opening up of motor-roads, with pleasant building-sites on them, must necessarily lead to building development, and in this connexion we need only point to the Tai Po Road, built thirty years ago, the Castle Peak Road, the short road over the hill to Repulse Bay and the Shek O Road.

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DEBATE ON BUDGET OPENS.

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Loans.

It may well be asked how are all these schemes to be financed. We are of opinion that much as we may regret it, we have now arrived at the parting of the ways—we cannot continue to pay for the permanent works out of current revenue—posteriorly must contribute to the benefits posteriorly will receive. We are of opinion that although it may be possible to make economies in many directions, nevertheless current revenue is obviously insufficient and a carefully considered policy of municipal loans must be resorted to.

Treasurer's Memorandum on Revenue.

We notice a paragraph in the Treasurer's Memorandum on Revenue, which states that arrears of premia are due from the Kowloon Tong Estate and the Praya East Marine Lot Holders; and we should be glad to be informed what is the amount of the arrears of premia which is due from each of those bodies respectively.

In connexion with the Praya East Reclamation, we should like to know when the Government proposes to put up lights along Lockhart Road on that Reclamation, so as to enable motor vehicles to use that road at night as well as by day, between Arsenal Street and Fercival Street, and thus to avoid entirely the tram route at night for that distance.

Various Items.

I will now bring this long speech to an end in the orthodox fashion, by firing off at the Government, on behalf of myself and my Unofficial Colleagues, a broadside of remarks and questions in regard to various items in the Estimates which have not yet been dealt with by me.

(1) On page 6 we notice an item, "Carriage, Chair, etc. Licences \$230,000," and would suggest that, in future Estimates, it would be interesting to have a separate heading for motor vehicle licences instead of lumping them together with chair and ricksha licences.

(2) On page 9, in connexion with the item, "Public Schools Fees," we would ask the Government to consider whether the fees charged in public schools ought not to be reduced.

(3) On page 9 we notice the item "Message Fees \$160,000." Does this mean wireless message fees, and, if so, why are the estimated receipts for 1930 less than those for 1929?

(4) On pages 19 and 20 we notice the items of \$2,000 and \$500 respectively for "Afforestation" in the Northern and Southern Districts of the New Territories respectively, and would suggest that in future years that expenditure might be doubled.

(5) In connexion with the Post Office (page 21) we suggest that the accommodation on the ground floor and in the basement is insufficient for its requirements.

(6) On page 27 what is the meaning of the sudden appearance of two items:—19 Coal for Offices, \$5,000; 20 Rent, light & water allowances for Slipway staff, \$2,8347 Marine Surveyors' Dept.

(7) On page 27 we notice that, although the Government Marine Surveyor's Department already has 4 launches, namely, one steam-driven H.D. 3 and three motor-driven H. D. 6, 7 and 8, the Harbour Department is asking, in addition to the new motor-launch for the G.M.S. Department, now under construction, "an additional motor-launch for this Department" and also a new launch for the carriage of Stores and Relief.

In view of the fact that every shipyard in the Colony can now be reached by bus or tram, with a considerable saving of time over travelling by launch, and also that (see page 27) the Marine Surveyor and his 13 Assistant Surveyors receive conveyance allowance, the necessity for the use of launches by the G.M.S. Department is limited to the inspection of vessels lying afloat in the Harbour which are not numerous enough to warrant any increase in the number of launches allotted to the G.M.S. Office, beyond the four completed launches above referred to.

In these circumstances we suggest that the unfinished new motor-launch be utilized for other purposes to be determined later; and that the second new motor-launch and the new steam-launch be not built at all, seeing that the Kau Sing, which (we understand), is capable of steaming at 9½ knots on one boiler, seems to be eminently suitable for stores and relief work.

We would add, that other sub-departments of the Harbour Department seem to have numerous launches under their control and that, if, by chance, an additional launch is occasionally required by the G.M.S. Department, that Department ought to be able to obtain it for the special occasion by applying to another sub-department in the Harbour Office.

Incidentally we are informed that the staff of Government Marine Surveyors has grown to such dimensions that it seems doubtful whether there is sufficient shipbuilding and ship repairing work now going on in the Colony to keep them all fully employed.

(8) On the same page 27 we notice the item "Training expenses of G.M.S. in England \$20,945."

We should like to know why the Government is to be held responsible for the training of the Government Marine Surveyors in England and also why the amount for such training has increased from \$7,200 in 1929 to \$20,945 in 1930.

(9) On page 30, we would ask for an explanation of the new item "Allowances to 17 Diesel Engineers at \$120 each."

(10) In connexion with the new item on page 34 "Inspection Officer (Fire Brigade) \$5,400," we should like to be informed as to the necessity for such an Inspection Officer and what duties he is to perform.

Plastic Loss.

(11) With regard to the item on page 58 "Launch to replace S.D. 3 \$30,600," we understand that this launch was wrecked near the Fatau Mun in returning from a picnic excursion at Shek O—a very unusual route—and we should be glad to learn whether the Government has given instructions in order to prevent a repetition of such costly picnic proceedings at the expense of the revenue of this Colony.

(12) We should like particulars of the "Building grants \$60,000" (Item 28 on page 63).

(13) On page 85, item 51 "Kowloon British School," we regret to see that the Government only proposes to spend in 1930 \$60,000 on this work out of a total sum of \$725,000 required to complete the school. Why is this?

(14) In connexion with item 57 on page 86 "Port works \$2,000," this suggested expenditure seems to us to be wholly inadequate in view of the need which has existed for many years past for the building of an arm to the Typhoon Refuge at Yau Ma Tei, in order to ward off the damaging effects of a typhoon wind from the South. We venture to hope that this work will, therefore, receive the early attention of the Government.

(15) In connexion with the Grants-in-aid, on page 101, my Honourable friend Dr. Tso, desires us to draw attention to the fact that a grant-in-aid is urgently needed by the Mun Sang College which is the only Anglo-Chinese Middle School in Kowloon City.

Conclusion.

We have not attempted to deal with the recommendations of the Salaries Commission, which are not included in the figures of the present Budget, because we presume that those recommendations will be later on brought before us by the Government in due form, by motion.

The European Members of this Council consider that the time has now arrived when an area of land should be set apart by the Government for the making of golf-links by members of the Chinese community. They understand that this will be one of the points referred to by the Senior Chinese Unofficial Member in his speech.

SIR SHOUSHON CHOW.

Expense of the Colony's Administration.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, said:

Sir.—The views I am expressing, with the exception of one given by way of personal explanation, are the joint views of the three Chinese members. The honourable senior unofficial member having so fully and ably represented the collective opinion of the unofficial members, it only remains for me to touch upon a few points affecting the Chinese people.

In the Estimates of Revenue, we desire to call attention to the increase of \$400,000 in the item "Tobacco Duties" over the approved Estimates for 1929. We assume that the increase is due to the new scale of duties introduced in February last under the Tobacco Amendment Ordinance of 1929; and we hope—though we are by no means sanguine—that the anticipated revenue will be realised.

Representations have been made to us by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Chinese tobacco trade, that under the amended scale of duties 75 cents per pound is now imposed on tobacco, irrespective of the quality, and that consequently the lower-grade Chinese tobacco cannot stand the competition of the higher grades tobacco, resulting in smuggling of the former on an extensive scale. The effect of this could be a loss of legitimate trade in the lower-grade tobacco, with the loss of revenue to the Government.

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Cuts Deplored.

The two items "Subsidies to Schools in the New Territories" and "Subsidies to the Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong" in the Education Estimates show a decrease of \$5,000 each; and no explanation is given for the reduction. In the absence of any explanation we are unable to offer any intelligent comment on the matter; but speaking generally, we consider that the subsidies hitherto provided are by no means too large.

We also note that on page 102 of the Estimates the grant in aid of the University School of Chinese is reduced from \$46,000 to \$40,000; but, again, no explanation is given. It would be interesting to know what has happened since the 1929 Estimates were framed to account for this reduction.

The honourable senior unofficial member has given the reasons for the unofficials' attitude in opposing the creation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. These reasons are that the Reserve may, to a certain extent, detrimentally affect the Volunteer Defence Corps; that the Reserve is unnecessary here; and that naval work should be left to His Majesty's Navy.

Retrograde Step.

In addition to these arguments, the Chinese members also consider it impolite to embark on further military or naval expenditure, albeit such is specifically for defence purposes. At a time when the thoughts of all are concentrating on Universal Peace—it is somewhat disconcerting to find in the Estimates a comparatively large vote for the creation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. This, it seems to us, is a retrograde step; it is entirely alien to the spirit of international concord and fraternity, which is rapidly gathering weight and momentum. The clarion call is for the total abolition of war, and for the reduction of the weapons of destruction to a bare minimum required for police and defence purposes.

Would it not be a happy gesture for the Government, in this public manner, to abandon this Reserve Force, and thus demonstrate that even such a comparatively small though important, British Colony as Hongkong is completely at one with the British Empire in advancing by every means possible the works of peace—in the genuine and noble resolve to hasten the coming of that day when "Man to man the World o'er shall brothers be?"

The honourable senior unofficial member having already commented upon the overcrowded state of the Prisons, I need only say a few words on the Female Prison. I am told that the accommodation is unsatisfactory, and that the lot of the female prisoners can be made less hard. Since Mrs. Southern and her helpers have undertaken the work of visiting this section of the Gaol, some improvement has been effected, and it is sincerely hoped that they will continue this good work for which the Chinese community feel very grateful.

Olo Custom and Health.

While we endorse the policy of the Government in developing the preventive side of the Medical Department's work, may we respectfully ask that that policy may be carried out in a liberal and sympathetic spirit, and with due regard to the susceptibilities of the people? Some medical men who may be highly qualified in their profession, and who may have the best intentions in the world, may be led by their enthusiasm and zeal into the introduction of measures that are totally unsuitable for local conditions.

The Tung Wah Eastern Hospital is ready to be opened this year; but the Government, in the belief that it could not be for want of funds, has made no provision in the Estimates for 1930. We are happy to say that arrangements have been made whereby the maintenance of the Hospital is assured for two years, thus enabling it to be opened at the end of November next; and we therefore ask that the Government will be so good as to make a substantial grant to this most deserving and much needed institution. If it be inconvenient to make provision in the Estimates now, perhaps a supplementary vote could be taken

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The recent development in the (Continued on Page 9.)



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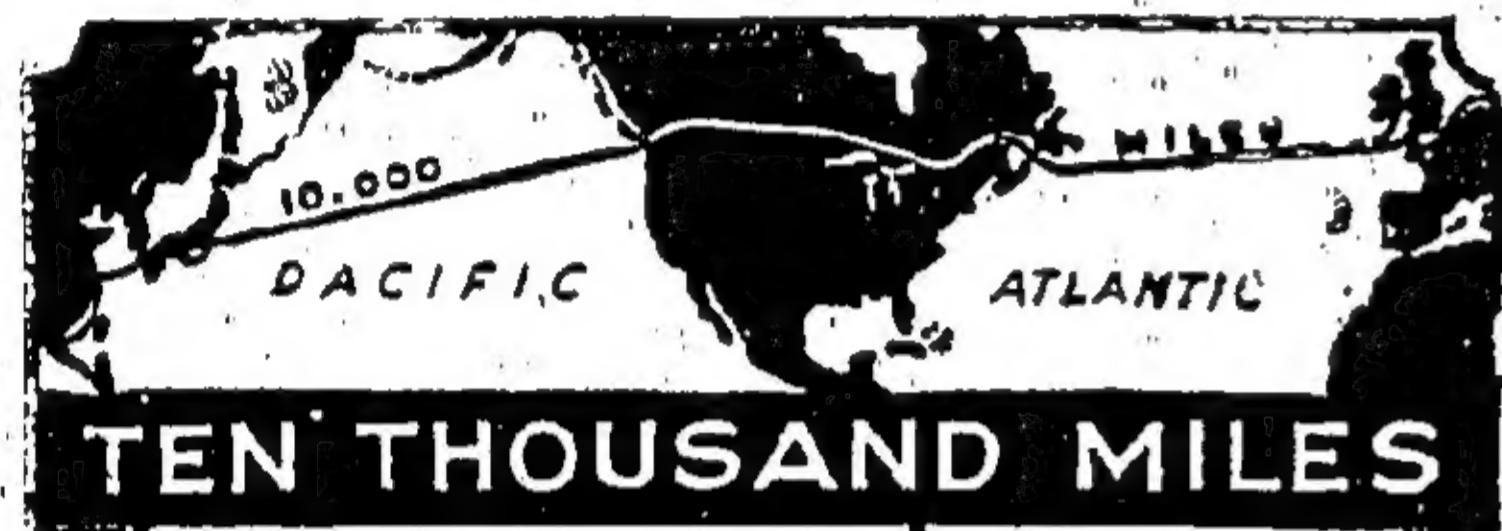
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VOLUNTEER FUNDS.

CLERK CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATION.

The case against So King-man, a Government clerk, charged with misappropriation of Volunteer Corps funds, was opened before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

There are five counts in the indictment, these being the misappropriation of sums totalling \$345.75 by means of forged cheques, the embezzlement of another item of \$21.85, uttering a forged receipt, and the possession of a forged die.

Mr. F. H. Losby represented the defendant in place of Mr. M. K. Lo, who had appeared in previous proceedings.

In outlining the case, Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said the accused was employed at Volunteer Headquarters as a clerk. Amongst his duties were that of preparation of accounts and of filling up the bodies of cheques, the Department making it a custom of issuing cheques in payment of bills exceeding \$10.

It appears that sometime early this year, cheques enumerated in the charges, which were issued to three different Chinese firms, got into the possession of the accused by some means which was not very clear but which he (Mr. Murphy) would prefer to leave to Major Wolfe-Murray, the Adjutant of the Volunteer Corps, to explain when it came to his turn to give evidence in the case.

Forged Chops.

The cheques appear then to have been cashed by some person other than the representatives of those firms, and it was the case for the Crown that the accused himself forged the endorsements and chops of these firms on the back of the cheques and thus obtained payment from the Bank. "Forgery as defined by the law," observed Mr. Murphy, "is also con-

stituted by the forged signatures or endorsements on the backs of the cheques and by the application of forged chops." He explained that beyond these, there was nothing wrong with the body of the cheques or with the signatures at the foot.

A fourth firm was also involved in the matter of the cheques, but Mr. Murphy indicated that its exclusion from the charges would not seriously affect the case. He would, however, call witnesses from this firm to give evidence insofar as such evidence would tend to prove a system adopted in connexion with the defalcations.

Pharmacy Paid Twice.

Regarding the last charge of embezzlement of a single item of \$21 odd, Mr. Murphy said that apparently last year certain bills due to the Pharmacy were paid twice, but that later a letter was sent by that firm to Volunteer Headquarters pointing out the mistake, and inviting the Department to collect the refund. This was on August 14. A short time before his arrest the accused was alleged to have gone round to the Pharmacy, collected the refund, but failed to turn it over to the Department.

Information subsequently received by the police led to a careful scrutiny of the vouchers and received bills retained on these Government accounts at the Colonial Treasury. Armed with these, the police went to two of the three firms concerned, and were informed that these firms had not been paid, while the cheques with their alleged endorsements were at the same time repudiated. The frauds were made possible by the fact that these firms were in no

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hurry for payment, and did not press for it, except in the case of the Wing Shun Steam Launch Company, which sent in a letter on August 28.

Tried to Escape.

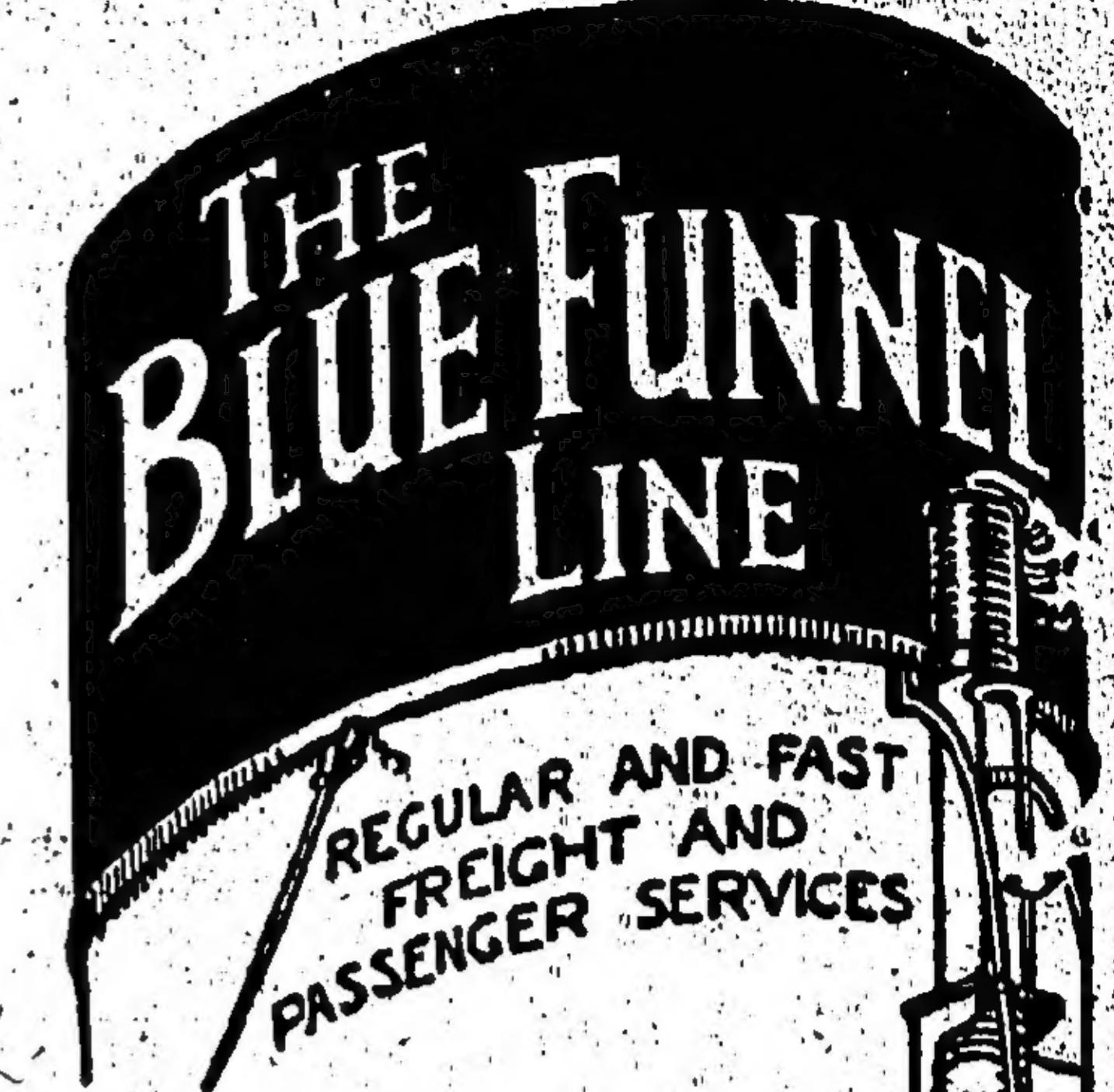
The next call by the police was made at Volunteer Headquarters, where the accused was found still in his office, with the Adjutant of the Corps, Major Wolfe-Murray, present.

The accused was called outside by one of the police officers, whilst another officer went in to see the Adjutant. The accused took advantage of the opportunity and made an attempt to get away, but was captured after a short chase culminating at a spot outside the Cathedral. He was then escorted to his home at No. 1, Kwong Ning Street, Wanchai, and there the police found rubber stamps and chops bearing the names of the firms in question. Another stamp bearing the name of the Wing Shun firm was also found in his office at Volunteer Headquarters.

Evidence was then called, and Mr. B. F. Massey, an assistant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, gave formal testimony as to the receipt of cheques forming the subject matter of the charges.

Representatives of the Wing Shun Steam Launch Company, the Kwong Hing, ship's chandlers, and the Wing Yick firm of contractors were next called, and they declared that the signatures, endorsements and chops on the backs of the cheques were not theirs.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.



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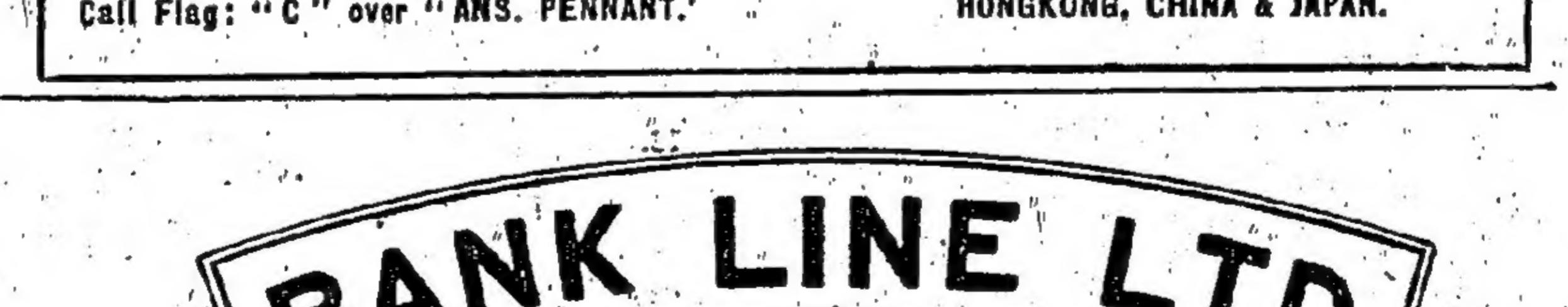
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1929.

CHINESE LOAN SERVICE.

A GRADUAL PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Shanghai, Sept. 18.
The Finance Ministry in a statement declares:

"The instructions of the National Government on September 26, 1928, for allocation to each salt revenue district of a fixed quota for service of the salt loans, has been carried into effect, and reports by the Chief Inspectors show that the required amounts are now being regularly remitted, while arrears accumulated in certain districts are also being made up. The necessary reforms in the Salt Department, such as improvement in the preventive service, arrangements for facilitating transportation, and a reduction of local surtaxes, have been meeting with success."

"In addition to the salt duty proper, various surtaxes which have sprung up in the last few years have now been consolidated with the salt duty and collected by the Salt Inspectorate."

The statement continues that the Government has arranged to pay this month coupons Nos. 41 and 42, due in March, 1929, and September, 1929, on the Anglo-French Loan of 1908, and also an instalment of the principal of a quarter million sterling due in September, 1928.

The Crisp Loan coupon No. 32 due in September, 1928, is being paid in September, 1929; making a total of \$9,600,000 paid out by the salt revenue in 1929 for the salt loans service.

"The improved position of the salt revenue now enables the Ministry not only to make provision for payment of one year's obligations annually, but also to adopt the following plan to take care of arrears."

For the Anglo-French Loan there will be one payment of principal in 1930 and two payments in 1931, therefore all the arrears to bondholders will be paid up by Nanking, 1931.—Reuter.

As for the Crisp Loan, the next four interest coupons will be paid quarterly during 1930, bringing up to date the interest by the end of that year.

After the arrears of principal of the Anglo-French Loan have been paid up, from the beginning of 1932 the arrears of principal or the Crisp Loan are to be paid, according to the following schedule:

In 1932, two instalments of principal, corresponding to payments due in September 1928 and of his colleagues.

The French Legation has received a wire from Dr. C. T. Wang in response to the protest against the murders in Ichang stating that "all necessary measures have been taken in order that the culprits shall be found and submitted to exemplary punishment."—Reuter.

In June, 1929, the Government paid a salt contribution of Taels 950,000 due in June 1928 for service of the Hukuang Loan, and in July, 1929, a supplementary payment of \$180,000 to complete the payment of the Hukuang Loan coupon.

The present plan provides that, until the arrears of the salt contribution to the Hukuang Loan have been paid, similar supple-

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TO-DAY'S BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. to-day on 350 metres:

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of European Music, (H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrin and Co., Ltd.).

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1st Movement—Allegro non troppo.

2nd Movement—Scherzo.

3rd Movement—Adagio and Andante.

4th Movement—Presto, Finale.

7.45 p.m. Evening weather report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme of Chinese Music relayed from Messrs. Sincere Co., Ltd. Programme consists of music and singing given by the well-known amateur musicians of Chung Sing Charitable Society and the staffs of Messrs. Sincere Co.

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OPENS.

(Continued from Page 9.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary consoles us with the fact that we can finance the contemplated increase in the Estimates without recourse to increased taxation, a very satisfactory state of affairs, but it certainly appears to me having regard to the general tenor of the Estimates that such a state of affairs cannot be the position much longer.

I will not dwell on the water question, Government Civil Hospital, the Gaol, the Playing Grounds, Post Offices, markets, the uncompleted part of the 70 feet road between Causeway Bay and Takkoo Sugar Factory, Aviation and Broadcasting; they have already been dealt with by the Honourable Senior Member, but I have in addition, a number of my favourite schemes, and I will now deal with what I regard as some of our most pressing needs in this, the most progressive and up-to-date Colony of the British Empire.

Our City Hall.

Are we proud of our City Hall? True it was an appropriate building 40 to 50 years ago, and the Colony must still be grateful to a generous Government and public men who provided the site and building. Is it at all in keeping with the present requirements of the Colony? Recently His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester visited the Colony and the Theatre being the most central position was chosen for his official reception—unfortunately the space is so limited that many were unable to receive invitations almost to the extent of causing general dissatisfaction on such an auspicious occasion.

The floors of the reception halls have to be stored up whenever a public reception or entertainment is given—the public library and museum must be the cause of disappointment to any visitor who happens to be passing through the Colony.

The late Sir C. P. Chater, for many years a member of this Council, left a very interesting and valuable collection of pictures depicting the Colony's history from the earliest times, and also a collection of china representing a life work, but we have nowhere to house these generous gifts. Surely the time has come when a suitable City Hall Theatre and Assembly Rooms must be provided?

I notice that we contribute the sum of \$1,200 per annum to the City Hall (item 21 on page 101), a very small contribution.

Vehicular Ferry.

Year after year, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce refer in their annual report to the need of a Vehicular Ferry between the Island and Kowloon. The Public Press constantly refer to it. Are we any nearer the acquisition of such a means of communication which appears to be only too obvious and which must have a most beneficial effect on the whole Peninsula? What is our position? It appears to me to be a disgrace to the community that it is impossible to get a motor-vehicle from the Island to the mainland or vice versa between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. and then only by very antiquated means and laborious methods—a mere sop to the public.

Sessional papers have been issued but we seem no nearer a solution. Is it that Government's terms are too exacting or is it that no cut and dried policy has yet been formulated? Is it a Government obligation like a road or is it a matter for private enterprise?

Road to Canton.

How many more years shall we be talking of the motor road to Canton? Rumour has it that the contract for the construction of the motor road in Chinese Territory to our boundary has already been given out and I have myself seen the piggery out, close to our own boundary. We are, however, almost entirely in the dark as to the position.

Home for the Infirm.

Hongkong is a great international port and as such there is a constant stream of individuals looking for employment. Some are attracted by the prospects of possible work, some because they are unable to get work elsewhere. There is also another class, who cease to become employable. The able bodied are found employment by the General Charities Organisation, the Hongkong Benevolent Association and other charities but it is of the last class I now speak. It is impossible to find work for them. They wander between the Sailors' Home and the Hongkong Benevolent Association and often through no fault of their own become a charge on the Colony. They are of various nationalities and, as far as possible, they should be repatriated, but there is still a residue for whom a refuge should be provided. We have no old age pensions or insurance. They are nevertheless an obligation of the Colony.

Factory Legislation.

The Colony is slowly but surely becoming, for various reasons,

a manufacturing centre. The probabilities are that it will substantially increase in the not distant future. This carries with it in these days certain Government obligations to see that the factories are conducted according to modern hygienic methods and operated on proper lines. The Report of the Inspector of Factories (Annex B) to the Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for last year is illuminating and clearly indicates a case for further investigation. The time is not far off when more advanced factory legislation and largely increased factory inspection will have to be taken in hand but this possibly has already received your Excellency's consideration.

Widows & Orphans Pensions.

I cannot help mentioning the financial position of the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund. As far as I can find no fund has been set apart to meet these liabilities. We collect the subscriptions and pay them into our current account and use them as the revenue of the Colony. I find on page 11 of the Estimates the sum of \$19,000 is expected to be received next year.

A provident fund of this nature should, in my opinion, be absolutely secure and should be kept separate and apart as a Trust Account. I believe there was a time when there was a separate fund for widows and orphans but this has long since been merged in the Colony's general funds.

The Colony may at some future time be called upon to make a capital provision for these liabilities.

University.

I see there are two grants to the University, one of \$50,000 and the other of \$40,000. (Items 23 and 26 on page 102 of the Estimates). The University serves a most useful purpose not only as an educating factor but in providing the Colony with useful citizens. I am sometimes inclined to wonder whether either this Government or the commercial concerns of this Colony avail themselves sufficiently of the facilities which our University provides. It appears to me there must be many positions which our University graduates could fill with ease and possibly distinction.

My personal opinion is that our contribution to the University is wholly insufficient.

The conception that the University is a luxurious appendage to the ordinary educational course still lingers here, though it has been entirely abandoned in England. Universities are no longer the preserves of the intellectual rich but are accepted as an integral part of the community's life. They are expected to perform a social service for the whole surrounding district by maintaining and improving the cultural standards, by providing a steady stream of highly educated men and women for the various professions and commerce and by increasing the sum of human knowledge.

Pertinent Facts.

There also seems to be an impression abroad that because a University accepts Government assistance it must of necessity sacrifice its dignity and lose its independence. If that were so, then there is not a University in Great Britain that can command respect.

They have had to ask for a substantial dole which has been the more readily granted because of the very important part the modern University must play.

This Government aid too has been given without impeding the autonomy of these institutions in England: for there has been no interference of any kind on the part of the Government as appears

from the very interesting speech of the Right Honourable H. A. L. Fisher in his centenary address at University College London in April 1927.

Up to the conclusion of the Great War, the Oxford and Cambridge Universities did not require Government financial assistance, but at the conclusion of the War it was found that they would

not be able to continue their activities as in the past unless substantial Government financial assistance was granted, and this applied even more to the other Universities.

Royal Commission.

A Royal Commission was appointed presided over by the Right Honourable Mr. Asquith in the year 1919—as a result of which very large Government grants were made, and to-day roughly the Government provides either direct or through local authorities 50% of the revenue of Oxford University, 45% of the revenue of Birmingham University, 70% of the revenue of Bristol University, and 60% of the revenue of Leeds University. In fact out of the total income of the Universities of Great Britain about 50% is contributed by either Government or local authorities.

The conclusion that follows from an examination of these facts is that this Colony must accept the Hongkong University as an integral and essential part of its education scheme and must

give it that adequate support which would justify us in continuing to call it a University on the English model. The minimum annual sum which the Government should contribute to the University is \$200,000.

I hope your Excellency's efforts on behalf of the University to obtain an allocation of part of the Boxer Indemnity moneys may yet be successful. In the field of education what better cause could be found?

Appalled.

Such being the vista we have before us, can it be wondered that one is appalled at the large expenditure of money that lies before us? *Nisi mortalibus ordini est.* Some of the propositions call for immediate adoption. They can no longer be delayed. Some may possibly be held in abeyance for a little longer but as surely as night follows day all must eventually be taken in hand.

KOWLOON PROBLEMS.

Hon. Mr. Braga on Municipal Matters.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said—Your Excellency—My remarks on the Budget will be limited almost exclusively to matters concerning Kowloon. They are not intended to dilate upon the numerous subjects involving heavy expenditure making up the Budget for 1930. That ground has been very fully and very ably covered by the Honourable Senior Unofficial Member as the Unofficial spokesman on this occasion. It is matters of so-called municipal interest with which I am at the moment principally concerned.

Conspicuous among the omissions from the list of Public Works Extraordinary—which the Honourable Colonial Secretary in his Budget speech described as "that very popular vote to which members of the public are inclined to turn first to see whether their own favourite schemes have been included"—is any reference to the Kowloon Tong market. This omission has been alluded to by the Senior Unofficial Member this afternoon. Permit me, Sir, to point out that the failure to include the Kowloon Tong Market in the list of public works may be regarded as a slight on, and scant consideration for, the gentlemen who have the honour of representation on the Sanitary Board.

Moreover, provision for a market in Kowloon-Tong was forcefully urged in this Council in a speech last year by the Hon. Mr. Shenton-Hope was raised that Kowloon Tong residents would soon be given their market when reference was made to the subject by the Colonial Secretary in his Budget last year. This is what the official spokesman said:—"In New Kowloon, market extensions hold a prominent place, Shaukihipo, Kowloon City, and Kowloon Tong all receiving an allocation." And the result is like unto the answer of St. James: "It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away."

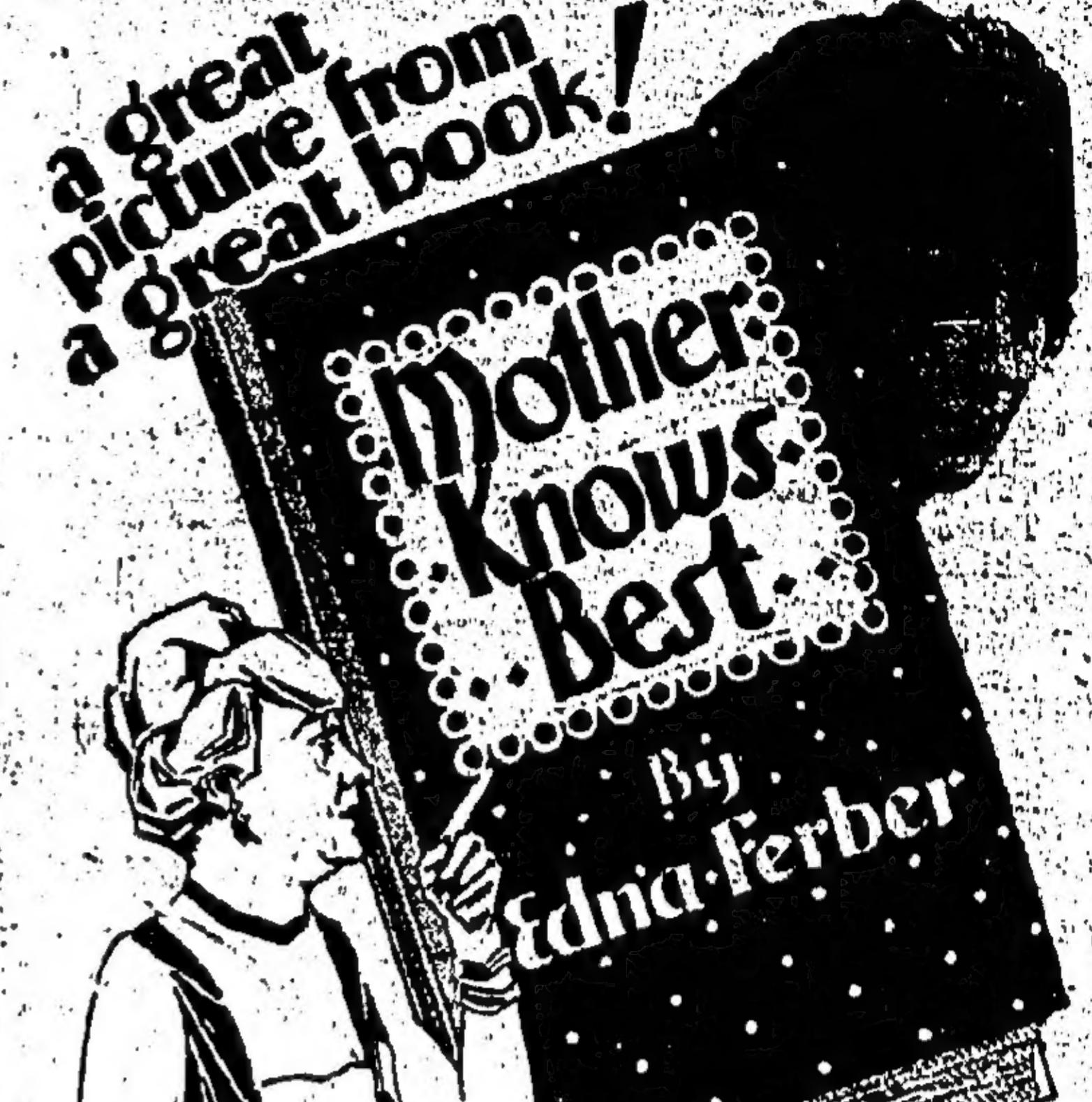
The Estimates Sub-Committee of the Sanitary Board, on which I was privileged to serve this year, recommended to the Government the erection of a public market within the Kowloon Tong Estate. Later at a meeting of the Full Board on the 23rd July, 1929, a motion was unanimously adopted approving the proposal. When it is remembered that the question of public markets is peculiarly within the province of the Sanitary Board to consider, the rejection of the Board's recommendation to the Government is difficult of satisfactory explanation to those outside the secret councils of the Government.

Children's Playground.

In the opinion of residents of Tsim Sha Tsui, another matter of more or less urgency calls for immediate attention on the part of the Government. I refer to the children's playground. This also has been sympathetically touched upon by the Senior Unofficial Member. Residents of Kowloon begin almost to despair that children across the harbour will ever be considered worthy of the solicitude of Government in the provision of a suitable ground in a convenient locality where children could run and play about within an area free from the objectionable features to be found in the raised-in portion of the railway ground on Chatham Road dignified with the name of a "Children's Playground."

In the senior morning newspaper of the 10th September will be found a plaintive appeal on behalf of the children of Kowloon. I should not be surprised if it be that of some British mother vainly pleading for an amelioration of a condition not too creditable to the Colony in the matter of playgrounds at Kowloon. A brief extract from that letter may serve some useful purpose if perchance it escaped notice from those to whom the letter was addressed to appeal. The writer condemned last year's saving of \$22,000 on

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